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It shall be the mission of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation to acquire and distribute resources in support of the Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enhancing, enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.

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AN INVESTMENT OF ENERGY & DETERMINATION

Many hands make light work. This is an old expression that remains relevant today and seems an appropriate way to describe the results of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation for the year that ended December 31, 2011.

Thanks to the energy and determination of the LEF Board almost $200,000 was invested in the educational experience of our students during 2011. This is a substantial increase from the $110,000 invested during 2010.

Thanks to the efforts of the board and the generosity of the community, LEF's income increased almost 30% in 2011 compared to 2010. This increased funding allowed LEF to continue its support a myriad of teacher and student inspired activities within and outside of the classroom.

Enhancing learning technology for our students continues to be a high priority for LEF. In 2011, 70% of LEF's expenditures went to classroom and network technology. The use of this technology improves the learning experience of our students and prepares them to compete effectively in the world.

Thanks again to the many hands that helped LEF improve Lakeshore Schools in 2011. Good progress was made, but the task remains unfinished. Inspired by the needs of our students LEF will continue its work of helping Lakeshore go from good to great.

Go Lakeshore!

Sincerely,
Jim Tomczyk, Chairman

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION invites you to visit our website at www.LEFonline.org to learn more.

2011 LEF HONOR ROLL OF INVESTORS

Valedictorian | $10,000+
Marc & Anja Bitzer
Rene Laney
Meijer, Inc.
Whirlpool Matching Gift Program

Salutatorian | $5,000+
Anonymous

Senior | $1,000-$4,999
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Junior | $500-$999
Chemical Bank
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Lakeshore Class of 2010
Viktoria & Tomas Linden
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State Farm Companies Foundation
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Sophomore | $100-$499
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Boulevard Inn & Bistro
Mary Kay - Kelly Bushu
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Christine Hogue
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We humbly apologize if we have inadvertently left your name off our donor list (January 1 to December 31, 2011). Please contact us and we will rectify our error in our next publication.
Thank you for your understanding.

CONGRATS TO OUR STUDENTS!

• The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, and much more.

• Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese Language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!

• Grades and family economics are NOT a factor in approving the application. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors.

2012 RECIPIENTS

Olivia Fox	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
Nick Williams	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
Dakota Yergeau	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
Aaron Nuechterlein	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
David Mikel	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
McKenzie Mikel	DECA Nationals - Salt Lake City
Sean Callahan	Int. Science & Eng. Fair - Pittsburgh
Zach McAllister	Int. Science & Eng. Fair - Pittsburgh
Mrinalini Sugosh	Int. Science & Eng. Fair - Pittsburgh
David Tarnowski	Football University - Chicago
Sidney Weaver	U of M Swim Camp
Martha Alvarado	Lakeshore Band Camp

NIKE
Reuse-a-Shoe Recycling Program
Turning WORN OUT shoes into new surfaces, so your shoes can PLAY ON
WE WANT YOUR OLD ATHLETIC TYPE SHOES THAT YOU'VE OUTGROWN OR WORN OUT
APRIL 15th - MAY 15th

2011 LEF FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Fundraising	$ 15,434	Technology	$ 132,368
Donations	177,609	Project Grants	39,420
Investment Income	5,647	Innovation Grants	1,451
Endowment Contributions	4,952	Annual Projects	4,904
		Administrative Expense	10,584
Total Receipts	$203,642	**Total Disbursements**	$188,727

LOTS TO DO

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Baroda Lions are sponsoring a pancake breakfast to support the LEF Tech Campaign.
SAT • MAY 19 • LAKESHORE HS • 7-11am
The cost is $6 adults, $3 elementary school age. Baroda Lions are known for their great breakfasts! So come, enjoy and support the LEF Tech Campaign.

GOLF OUTING MONDAY, AUGUST 13

This scramble held at Berrien Hills Golf Course is a community favorite. With 4-person teams teeing off for 18 holes of golf, followed by lunch it promises good times and lots of laughs. Prizes and raffle items are the icing on the cake! Visit LEFonline.org to sign up.

NIKE REUSE-A-SHOE PROGRAM

will run until May 15. Boxes are at every Lakeshore school. NIKE recycles athletic shoes into a material to make playground surfaces, running tracks, basketball courts and more for kids who need them around the world. There are just three requirements: NO metal cleats, NO dress shoes, and they should not be wet or damp. Drop off your sneakers today!

LEF TECHNOLOGY CAMPAIGN

Funds raised will be used to purchase technology to equip every Lakeshore classroom district wide with a ceiling mount projector, computer, document camera, and large projector screen. Please make a donation today on our secure website LEFonline.org

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I want to join LEF's campaign to bring technology to Lakeshore!
All Reach Higher Technology donors will be listed on the LEF website and in the Excellence Matters newsletter according to giving levels. Donors who contribute over $100 will be invited to attend a Technology Open House hosted by LEF.

My donation: $_____ **Please make checks payable to Lakeshore Excellence Foundation**

☐ **Up to $100** ☐ **$100-$499** ☐ **$500-$999**
☐ **$1,000+** includes recognition on the Lakeshore Schools electronic sign
☐ **$5,000+** includes an individual appreciation plaque for public display
☐ **$10,000+** includes listing on a group donor plaque in each school building

You may also make a secure gift online at www.LEFonline.org

Contact Information: Please print name(s) as you would like published.

Name(s)_____

Address _____

Primary Phone(s)_____Email_____

My gift is in honor / memory of _____

Address _____

Thank you for your investment in Lakeshore Public Schools!
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